

To Whom It May Concern:

I don't have much time so I will keep this short.

I'd like to express my concern about current plans to lift the cross-ownership ban to and allow further media consolidation. The state of centralization in the media is not serving the public's best interest and it is the public for whom the FCC is charged with overseeing the media.

For simple example consider the news media. This "fourth estate" currently provides a depth and quality of coverage that is noticeably inferior to the news available in most other industrialized countries. Consolidation of ownership will only further increase the demand for profits which, in turn, leads companies to chose fluff that makes people feel good over issues oriented reporting that might dampen consumer spirit.

Please do what you can to maintain reasonable and established limits on media ownership.

Regards,

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